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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: PINT, PDEV, PINS, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: INTERNAL AFFAIRS ROUND-UP

1. BISHOP MUZOREW REPORTEDLY CONTINUED HIS BOYCOTTING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC) RALLIES MEANT TO EXPLAIN AND DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. THE BOYCOTT, INACTED BECSUSE OF THE DISMISSAL OF BYRON HOVE FROM THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL (PRETORIA 2774), WAS ENFORCED ON MAY 23 WHEN MUZOREWA DID NOT JOIN HIS EC COLLEAGUES AT WEDZA TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC RALLY. SMITH, CHIRAU AND SITHOLE ASKED THE SMALL CROWD OF 350 TO BACK THE SETTLEMENT AND URGE THE GUERRILLAS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS BECAUSE "THE BATTLE FOR MAJORITY RULE" HAD BEEN WON.

2. INTIMIDATION MAY HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN DICTATING THE SIZE OF THE CROWD AT WEDZA, A SMALL VILLAGE 150 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF SALISBURY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OPERATIONAL ZONE. REPORTEDLY GUERRILLAS HAD MET WITH

VILLAGERS OVER THE WEEKEND TO URGE THEM NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING. THEN, JUST A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING, GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE VILLAGE WITH SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE, CAUSING LITTLE DAMAGE BUT, AS ONE SECURITY OFFICIAL TOLD REPORTERS, "IT WAS ENOUGH TO GET THE MESSAGE THROUGH."

3. MEANWHILE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN SALISBURY THAT FRANCIS ZINDOGA, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE UANC, WOULD SUCCEED HOVE AS THE CO-MINISTER OF JUSTICE, LAW AND ORDER AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

4. IN CAPE TOWN, PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT VISITING CO-MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, P.K. VAN DER BYL AND ELLIOT GABELLAH (CAPE TOWN 1032), SAID THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT PLAN WOULDNT SUCCEED BECAUSE IT WAS BASED ON "KEEPING THE NIGERIANS HAPPY." GABELLAH REPORTEDLY SAID THE WAR WAS NO LONGER BEING CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO WIN THE VOTE BUT HAD BECOME AN IDIOLOGICAL WAR. HE SAID ETHIOPIANS WOULD TAKE OVER AS SOVIET "TROUBLE SHOOTERS" FROM THE CUBANS AND CONTINUE TO PRESS THE WAR. RHODESIA WOULD HAVE TO HOLD OUT UNTIL "THE CARTER ERA HAD PASSED" AS THE "BATTLE WILL GO TO THEM WHO LAST LONGEST."

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